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**ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday September 20, 2016**

Prayer and Faith Sharing: Apostles Creed and Reading Ephesians 4:1-16.

Before the meeting the members met in the church to discern Parish Pastoral Council Leadership. Father Kevin explained each leadership position. Benjamin Russo was unable to attend but sent a letter that he be considered for Coordinator. David Howell offered to be Co-Coordinator and Anna Rhodes came forward as Secretary.

These members were affirmed as leaders for this year and Fr. Kevin blessed the leadership and all of Council.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved via email.

David Howell chaired the meeting in Ben's absence.

DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS:

- **Five Basic Appreciative Questions:** Discussion with all members.

Beginnings: What attracted you to the parish?

- Mass times
- Size of parish
- Location
- Music
- Modern building

First impressions:

- Warm and welcoming
- Friendly, parishioners talk to each other
- Small size
- Liked the smaller chapel
- Great for families with kids
- Like the music at 9:30 Mass

Best Moments:

- Good relationship with Fr. Kevin
- Good relationships with fellow parishioners
- Chance to serve, give back, make a difference
- Music
- Have made lifelong friends

Things most valued:

- Faith in God. Faith is a gift. When things are tough you have something to lean on.
- Feel close to God here
- Parish makes Faith stronger
- Parish has contributed to spiritual life
- PSR, Mass, Parish Pastoral Council
- Active in Music Ministry, Festival Committee and PPC
- Honesty, Sincere, Respectful; doesn't hurt others with words
- Parish is there to come back to

Core Image:

- Dedication, volunteers, giving
- Friendly, open, welcoming community
- Ministries: so many dedicated parishioners in each one
- Joyful
- Parishioners are warm and welcoming, not "stuck up"
- Talking before Mass.
- People here to serve God
- Don't expect praise
- Devotion/dedication

Three wishes/Hopes

- More young adults to participate (several members mentioned this)
- Make Parish more essential
- Get new people involved in the ministries
- Ministry to young couples
- Attract youth, young couples, kids
- Have meetings for parents of teens
- Hope we can get commitment back
- Keep doing what we're doing while coming up with new approaches

• **Refurbishing the Church – Fr. Kevin**

Met with the contractor today. Still trying to get estimates for the handicap accessible restrooms. Plans are moving ahead slowly. It will be 2-3 weeks before estimates are ready.

UPDATES & REPORTING:

Religious Education: Charles Hunt

60 Minutes with Christ/RCIA

60 Minutes with Christ began on September, 8 from 7:30-8:30pm. It will run the regular months of RCIA, from September to May. So far we have a good turnout, about 30 people. We begin the hour by reflecting on the upcoming Sunday Gospel, spend about ½ hour on a lesson, entertain questions and close with prayer.

PSR

Classes began September, 12. First through fourth grades have one class each with two teachers team-teaching. Fifth through eighth grades still have one teacher. Classes are smaller. There is a decline in registrations. Last year we had 108 students and we have 79 registered so far this year.

Catechetical Sunday

Catechetical Sunday was celebrated this past weekend. It was established by the United States Bishops in order to acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists. Catechists were invited to come forward for a blessing at all the Masses and receive a token of appreciation.

Parish Lenten Mission

We are still receiving information from Fr. Jack Conley, C.P. for the Lenten Mission on March 12-15, 2017. He has already given us quite a bit of material to work with regarding themes and publicizing the event. He is looking for some feedback from parish staff members.

On the Horizon

I have been discussing and working with parishioners on potential areas of catechesis, namely ALPHA, with Marge and Tom Drew, Life in the Eucharist with Shirley Pecjak, Theology of the Body with Monica Vlasz and Evangelization with Ron Mona. Leslie Simpson and I are working together on parish missions, guest speakers and adult faith formation.

Worship Commission: Fr. Kevin

Met on September 13. Welcomed the guitar group back from summer break. We are hosting a training session for Eucharistic Ministers. Several people expressed interest at the Ministry Fair and we can always use more. Tom Gulden went to a Diocesan meeting. They are choosing a new Mass setting for us to learn. Our parish has about 5 different Mass settings we sing.

Finance Council: Fr. Kevin

Offertory collection is down this year. We will do another Grateful Giving program this year.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY AND PASTORAL MINISTER'S REPORT- Beth Rossetti, Pastoral Minister

Confirmation 2016

- First session is for parents and teens was Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2016 at 7:00PM we have a class of 8 candidates.
- Confirmation Liturgy this Sunday, September 25 at 2:30PM Bishop Roger W. Gries OSB

FRESH Faith 2016

- First session is for parents and teens on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016 at 5:00PM we had 16 teens attend. We should have 20 teens in the class.
 - 4 of which are coming to from years of PSR classes missed
 - They will go through the 8th grade book
 - Separate class with Beth Rossetti and home study, while attending FRESH Faith
- Three families that have inquired about FRESH Faith have not contact me back.
 - Mailers were sent home today.

Pop and Praise

- October is an Open Gym.

General

- Stewardship commission
 1. T-Shirt sells are continuing.
 2. Stewardship acknowledgement letters are ready for a printing and mailing.
 3. November 5 from 9:00-3:00PM in Lambur Hall will be a Joyfully Gifted Retreat sponsored by the diocese the Office of Stewardship will be hosting this. Advertisement will be going out soon.
 4. Meeting is on Wednesday, September 21.

Deacon's Report -Tim Shell

Tim submitted the following in his absence.

Church in the City. Participated in Italian Style Clam Bake with Holy Redeemer on Saturday, September 10. Upcoming activities include the Men's Tripe Party on Tuesday, October 18. The program sells out every year. Proceeds go to the Fr. Grandillo Scholarship Fund. I am working with Holy Redeemer's confirmation catechesis program.

Marriage Enrichment Team formation meeting was held on Wednesday, September 14. Fifteen couples were in attendance. I discussed general planning for the next program. There are many volunteers to implement the next program. Tentative dates for the program are late January / early February. I am very encouraged by the attendance at the meeting and look forward to the spreading "Joy of Love" to couples in our parish and surrounding communities.

Social Media. The Facebook page has 422 "likes," and increase in thirteen (13) from June. The Twitter account has 63 followers, an increase in nine (9) from June. Instagram has 54 followers, and increase in seventeen (17) from June. It seems that people are finding us slowly. Instagram was a big jump. I will need to focus on getting good pictures to post to the social media

accounts.

The next meeting is Tuesday October 18, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by: Therese Ryan, Recording Secretary